



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 108<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 150

WASHINGTON, THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2004

No. 72

## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Michael Bentley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brevard, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You this morning for Your never ending mercies that are new to us every day. As we lift our hearts in prayer, I thank You for the diligence and faithfulness of the Members of Congress. I pray for God's wisdom to guide them in the decisions they have to make today, for God's discernment as they strive to bring out the truth in all the matters before them, and for God's peace that passes all human understanding to be spread throughout our country and all of the world. I ask that You bless our country's leaders with God's love that has been given to us as an awesome gift. I thank You for the power of prayer and for what God can accomplish through public servants who place their faith and trust in Him.

In Your holy name I pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FROST led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 408. An act to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

H.R. 708. An act to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 856. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 414. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that, as Congress recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, all Americans are encouraged to observe this anniversary with a commitment to continuing and building on the legacy of Brown.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House if requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 417. An act to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California.

H.R. 1528. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 15. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological,

or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures.

S. 213. An act to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Projects, and for other purposes.

S. 524. An act to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes.

S. 943. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming.

S. 960. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study.

S. 1107. An act to enhance the recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1167. An act to resolve boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri.

S. 1516. An act to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, and for other purposes.

S. 1576. An act to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

S. 1577. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

S. 1848. An act to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administrative Site in the State of Oregon.

S. 2178. An act to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H3393